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Abraham Accords Timeline: Key Events & Milestones

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June 12   Writing in *Yedioth Ahronoth*, UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba outlines the benefits to Israelis of pursuing peace and normalization with the UAE.

August 13   The UAE, Israel and US announce the historic normalization agreement.

August 16   Direct telephone service between the two countries begins.

August 31   First direct commercial flight from Israel to the UAE (El Al) carries an American and Israeli delegation to Abu Dhabi.

September 15   Abraham Accords are signed at the White House.

September 17   First kosher-certified restaurant in the UAE opens.

October 12   First cargo shipment from the UAE enters the Israeli port of Haifa.

October 20   HE Obaid bin Humaid Al Tayer, Minister of State for Financial Affairs, HE Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, and HE Omar Ghobash, Assistant Minister for Culture and Public Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, visit Israel.

November 8   First direct commercial flight carrying Israeli tourists (flydubai) arrives in Dubai.

September – December   Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco enter into normalization agreements with Israel in September, October and December.

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March 1   HE Mohamed Al Khaja presents his credentials to Israel's former President Reuvin Rivlin, becoming the first UAE Ambassador to Israel.

April 6   First direct commercial flight from Abu Dhabi to Israel (Etihad) arrives in Tel Aviv.

June 14   First Emirati student arrives to study at a university in Israel.

June 29   HH Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan receives Israel's Foreign Minister and Alternative Prime Minister Yair Lapid in his first official visit to the UAE.
Israeli Embassy in Abu Dhabi formally opens.

June 30   Israeli Consulate General in Dubai formally opens.

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July 13-16   HE Mariam Almheiri, Minister of State for Food and Water Security, visits Israel.

July 13   HE Dr. Anwar Gargash begins a week-long visit to Washington, DC to discuss ways to strengthen and expand upon the Accords with his US counterparts.

July 14   UAE Embassy in Tel Aviv formally [opens](#).

July 25   Amir Hayek is appointed as Israel's Ambassador to the UAE.